



I just wanted to share how wonderful it has been for me to be a part of the PACE experience. PACE has truly given me the tools I needed to be able to engage my community. Before the PACE program I just



had thoughts of making a difference, but I did not have all the knowledge or skills that I needed. The PACE facilitators taught us new approaches to leadership, inclusive outreach and public engagement. This helped me to define my role in my community and find ways to hear from underrepresented populations in my neighborhood. We learned how to look at the map of our areas and identify the resources the community had. The PACE program

taught me how to partner with local government, businesses, and community leaders to create change in my neighborhood. I got practice planning and facilitating meetings and we were encouraged to attend other meetings that were taking place locally. One of the main aspects of the PACE program is to develop a small group project in our community and write a grant to get it funded. My team and I designed a project where we basically went into the community and stood on corners and in grocery stores and asked the community members to let us know what was working and not working in our community. We made a website on Facebook and we had over 500 people respond. The information will be used by the Seattle Dept. of Neighborhoods to determine where additional community resources are needed. It was a great success!

Through the PACE program I was able to become a part of the Citywide Review Team for approving Large Project Grants in the City of Seattle. This has been a great leadership experience. I have learned so much and I am using the tools that have been given to me to be more effective in my community.

Thank You PACE!